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OFFICIAL REPORTS



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1933



ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board
and Other Officials

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

— FOR —

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1933



BRISTOL, N. H.
MUSGROVE PRINTING HOUSE
1933

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK

JOHN L. MORRISON

SELECTMEN

G. THORNTON YOUNG HARRIS W. HAMMOND
EVERETT E. MORRILL

TREASURER

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

ROAD AGENTS

HARRY W. SMITH CYRUS C. FLETCHER

AUDITOR

EDITH E. PERKINS

MODERATOR

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

HEALTH OFFICER

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

FIRE WARDEN

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

POLICE OFFICER

REGINALD C. MORRILL

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

ZACHARIAH BROCK

FENCE VIEWER

IRA A. MORRILL

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

ETHEL M. YOUNG EDWIN D. MORRILL
GEORGE W. SNOW

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER DAVID B. CLEMENT
ELDORUS SMITH

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MILAN A. BAILEY JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER
HATTIE N. M. MORRISON

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Fire Protection.
4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (Town Roads).
5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to Trunk Line Maintenance and make appropriation for same.
6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to State Aid Maintenance and make appropriation for same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to State Aid Construction and make appropriation for same.
8. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to the further improvement of the Whittemore Point Road, so called, to make the necessary appropriation and elect an agent.

9. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to the improvement of a section of road, near the W. J. Ames Place, so called, to make the necessary appropriation and elect an agent.

10. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Snow Removal.

11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the Snow Removal Equipment Fund.

12. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to Pine Blister Rust Control and make the necessary appropriation.

13. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Old Home Day.

14. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

15. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to discounting all Taxes (excepting Poll taxes) paid between certain time limits, to fix said time limits and the rate of discount.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

G. T. YOUNG,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

G. T. YOUNG,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY, APRIL 1, 1932

Land and buildings	\$ 481,650.00
Electric plants (transmission lines and flowage lands)	23,650.00
Horses, 25	1,705.00
Oxen, 5	260.00
Cows, 52	2,361.00
Neat stock, 24	1,320.00
Sheep, 9	36.00
Hogs, 5	54.00
Fowls	215.00
Portable mills, 1	500.00
Boats and launches, 5	4,275.00
Wood and lumber	775.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 16	1,600.00
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Total valuation	\$ 518,401.00
Poll taxes, 108 at \$2	
Property taxes committed to collector	\$ 11,465.46
Poll taxes committed to collector	216.00
National bank stock tax	25.00
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	\$ 11,706.46
Rate per cent, .0221	

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Town charges	\$ 600.00
Fire protection	300.00
Highways and bridges	2,100.00
Hammond Hill bridge repairs	200.00
Whittemore Point road (oiling)	1,000.00
Snow removal	800.00
Old Home day	20.00
Libraries	19.00
State tax	1,330.00
County tax	1,766.21
School tax	5,467.23
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	\$ 13,602.44

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, buildings	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	
Books	200.00
Highway department, buildings	300.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	200.00
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Total	\$ 5,950.00

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER	BALANCE
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ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 431.86	
Cash in hands of officials		
Snow removal equipment fund	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,231.86
Accounts due to the town		
Other bills due town		52.00
Uncollected taxes: Levy of 1932	\$ 1,339.99	
Levy of 1931	184.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,524.09
Total assets		<hr/> \$ 2,807.95
Grand total		<hr/> \$ 2,807.95
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1932	\$ 1,268.48	
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1933	\$ 1,216.94	
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Decrease of surplus	\$ 51.54	

SHEET

JAN. 31, 1933

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town

Bills outstanding \$ 210.81

Due to school district, dog licenses 80.20

Snow removal equipment fund 1,300.00

Total liabilities \$ 1,591.01

Excess of assets over liabilities 1,216.94

Grand total \$ 2,807.95

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received:	
For automobile registration permits, 1932	\$ 75.26
For automobile registration permits, 1933	190.33
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Total	\$ 265.59
For dog licenses	80.20
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	\$ 345.79

JOHN L. MORRISON,
Town Clerk.

• TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

John H. Morrison, collector, 1931:

Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1932	\$ 729.96	
Interest	23.28	
By cash paid treasurer		\$ 552.72
By abatements		16.42
Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1933		184.10
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	\$ 753.24	\$ 753.24

JOSEPH H. MORRISON, Collector.

Joseph H. Morrison, collector, 1932:

To amount of tax list	\$ 11,706.46	
Interest	4.78	
By cash paid treasurer		\$ 10,320.16
By abatements		51.09
Uncollected, Jan. 31, 1933		1,339.99
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	\$ 11,711.24	\$ 11,711.24

JOSEPH H. MORRISON, Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received:

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1932	\$ 884.05
From collector, 1931	552.72
From collector, 1932	10,320.16
From town clerk, dog licenses	80.20
From town clerk, 1932 auto tax	75.26
From town clerk, 1933 auto tax	190.33
From town clerk, primary registra- tion fee	1.00
From selectmen	8,842.45

Paid:

On selectmen's orders	\$ 20,514.31
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1933	431.86

\$ 20,946.17	\$ 20,946.17
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S. S. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS

Current revenue	
From local taxes	
Property taxes committed to collector, 1932	\$ 11,465.46
Less discount and abatement, 1932	43.09
Less uncollected, 1932	1,339.99
Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$ 10,082.38
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 104 at \$2	208.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected	529.44
National bank stock taxes	25.00
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	\$ 10,844.82
From state	
For highways and bridges	
For state aid construction, un-employment relief	\$ 2,311.32
For trunk line maintenance	417.65
For class V highway maintenance	328.17
Interest and dividend tax	1,642.39
Insurance tax	7.50
Railroad tax	11.84
Savings bank tax	510.48
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	\$ 5,229.35

(Receipts continued on page 18)

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1933

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses		
General government		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 414.00	
Town officers' expenses	180.17	
	—————	\$ 594.17
Protection of persons and property		
Police department, including care		
of tramps	\$ 24.50	
Fire department, including forest		
fires	154.30	
Bounties	17.40	
	—————	\$ 196.20
Highways and bridges		
Trunk line maintenance	\$ 144.75	
Town maintenance	2,490.36	
Snow removal	942.76	
	—————	\$ 3,577.87
Libraries		\$ 18.90
Recreation		
Old Home Day appropriation		\$ 20.00
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Total current maintenance expenses		\$ 4,407.14
Interest, paid on temporary loans		
in anticipation of taxes		\$ 67.50

(Payments continued on page 19)

RECEIPTS AND

(Receipts continued from page 16)

From county, for Union bridge repairs	\$ 293.01
From local sources, except taxes	
Dog licenses	\$ 80.20
Interest received on taxes	28.06
Primary filing fee	1.00
Registration of motor vehicles	
1932 Permits	75.26
1933 Permits	190.33
From town of Plymouth, Union	
bridge repairs	306.31
	————— \$ 681.16
	—————
Total current revenue receipts	\$ 17,048.34
Receipts other than current revenue	
Temporary loans in anticipation	
of taxes during year	\$ 3,000.00
Refunds	13.78
	————— \$ 3,013.78
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Total receipts from all sources	\$ 20,062.12
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1932	884.05
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Grand total	\$ 20,946.17

PAYMENTS—Continued

(Payments continued on page 17)

Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements

Highways and bridges

State aid construction, unemployment relief \$ 2,311.30

Town construction 1,073.73

Total outlay payments \$ 3,385.03

Indebtedness, payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes

\$ 3,000.00

Payments to other governmental divisions

Taxes paid to state \$ 1,330.00

Taxes paid to county 1,766.21

Payments to school districts 6,558.43

Total payments to other governmental divisions \$ 9,654.64

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1933 431.86

Grand total \$ 20,946.17

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

	Salaries	Expenses
G. T. Young, selectman	\$ 90.00	\$ 17.70
Harris W. Hammond, selectman	75.00	14.00
Everett E. Morrill, selectman	65.00	5.00
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	30.00	2.00
S. S. Fletcher, moderator, 1931-32	8.00	
John L. Morrison, town clerk	45.00	3.00
Joseph H. Morrison, tax collector	75.00	
Edwin D. Morrill, supervisor, 1931-32	10.00	
Ethel M. Young, supervisor, 1931-32	10.00	
Edith E. Perkins, auditor, 1931-32	6.00	
W. J. Randolph, list of transfers	-	3.66
John C. Ray, town officers' bonds		80.00
Edson C. Eastman, office supplies		8.81
Musgrove Printing House		46.00
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	\$ 414.00	\$ 180.17

POLICE

Reginald C. Morrill, police officer	\$ 20.00
H. W. Hammond, lodging tramps	4.50
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	\$ 24.50

FIRE PROTECTION

Plymouth Fire Dept., Minnon fire	\$ 116.30
Ashland Fire Dept., Cass fire	38.00
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	\$ 154.30
Bounties on hedgehogs	\$ 17.40

ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS

Cyrus C. Fletcher, East Side

Received from selectmen	\$ 1,389.81
Paid:	
C. C. Fletcher, agent, labor and truck	\$ 230.54
R. W. Gilpatric, labor and team	189.76
E. P. Wiser, labor and truck	113.96
John Jenness, labor and truck	207.39
E. E. Atwood, team and truck	55.61
W. E. Martin, labor and team	10.91
Chester Whiting, labor	28.51
Harold Huckins, labor	16.61
Verton Gilpatric, labor	28.80
Melvin Gilpatric, labor	11.48
B. T. Nichols, labor	28.59
Paul Youngman, labor	23.46
Earl Davis, labor	8.84
Walter Blake, labor	11.48
Kenneth Wiser, labor	4.00
Francis Clement, labor	16.50
H. W. Smith, team	6.00
Ira Morrill, labor	3.00
Charles Page, labor	18.00
Marcus Sargent, labor	2.50
George Cass, tractor	23.00
S. S. Fletcher, labor	10.15
E. N. Lebeau, truck	5.00
Wm. Hall, labor	1.75
E. P. Wiser, lumber	7.80
E. P. Wiser, crossing land	3.00
B. T. Nichols, stringers	5.00
Ralph Miles, paint and brushes	6.60

Spaulding Remick, blasting materials	\$ 4.78
E. Tucker, sharpening drills	1.00
Lida Reed, gravel	1.65
Josephine S. Fletcher, gravel	2.10
W. B. Brown, paint	1.60
S. S. Fletcher, posts	5.00
W. E. Martin, lumber	17.24
O. A. Brown, spikes	1.50
Wm. Smith, lumber	18.00
R. W. Gilpatric, posts	.60
A. M. Rand, spikes	1.23
Clement Mardin, lumber	4.99
Percival Warner, gravel	7.95
E. E. Atwood, lumber	6.84
G. Anderson, gravel	7.65
L. Mitchell, gravel	2.25
Fred Jordan, stone drills	2.60
Sears, Roebuck & Co., plow	9.68
McDuff Machine Co., scraper repairs	10.45
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Total	\$ 1,185.35

HAMMOND HILL BRIDGE REPAIRS

Cyrus C. Fletcher, agent, labor and truck	\$ 19.04
E. P. Wiser, labor and truck	57.57
E. E. Atwood, team	28.00
Kenneth Wiser, labor	5.28
W. E. Martin, lumber	12.00
E. P. Wiser, lumber	13.00
C. Mardin, lumber	6.40
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	\$ 141.29
R. W. Gilpatric, agent 1931, blasting materials	\$ 8.29

Harry W. Smith, Agent, West Side

Received from selectmen	\$ 1,166.16
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Paid:

New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert	\$ 48.50
Follansbee & Mitchell, paint and tools	11.20
W. S. H. Remick, blasting materials	12.75
Lila Morrill, gravel	5.00
The Barrett Co., tarvia	13.78
B. & M. R. R., freight on oil	3.93
H. W. Smith, gravel	7.50
John Morrill, labor	6.00
C. S. Ross, labor	24.00
I. A. Morrill, labor	220.50
E. E. Morrill, labor	160.50
O. P. Morrill, labor	171.00
Manson Morrill, labor	36.00
Victor Morrill, labor	37.50
Zack Brock, truck and blacksmithing	13.00
H. W. Smith, agent, labor and team	395.00

\$ 1,166.16

WHITTEMORE POINT ROAD—OILING**H. W. Smith, Agent**

Received from selectmen	\$ 230.10
Barrett bill paid by selectmen	759.95

Paid:

H. W. Smith, agent, labor and team	\$ 37.50
I. A. Morrill, labor	31.50
E. E. Morrill, labor	28.50
Ora Morrill, labor	28.50
Victor Morrill, truck	77.00
Lawrence Morrill, labor	4.50

Charles Page, labor	\$ 3.00	
Mrs. Norman Jefferies, sand	19.60	
The Barrett Co., tarvia	795.95	
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	\$ 990.05	\$ 990.05

Distribution:

Scraping with team	\$ 6.00
Loading and trucking sand	94.00
Spreading sand	107.50
Blasting	3.00
Sand	19.60
Tarvia	759.95
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	\$ 990.05

RIVER ROAD—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF CONSTRUCTION

H. W. Smith, Agent

Received from state	\$ 2,311.32
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Paid:

H. W. Smith, foreman	\$ 144.95
Ora Morrill, labor	84.00
John Jenness, labor and truck	246.11
Earl Davis, labor	78.00
E. P. Wiser, labor	76.33
John Morrill, labor	81.00
Victor Morrill, labor and truck	185.00
Chas. Drew, labor	25.67
E. E. Atwood, truck	240.00
Byron Wiser, labor and truck	133.00
Chester Whiting, labor	46.67
Manson Morrill, labor	36.00
G. W. Snow, labor	19.67
W. E. Martin, labor and truck	34.00

Calvn Huckins, labor	\$ 42.00
James Paulin, labor and truck	112.00
D. A. Bucklin, truck	100.00
C. S. Ross, labor	54.00
R. W. Gilpatric, labor	48.00
Harold Huckins, labor	36.00
Zack Brock, truck	60.00
Kenneth Wiser, labor	3.00
E. E. Morrill, labor	3.00
Follansbee & Mitchell, tools	12.70
O. A. Brown, blasting materials and tools	14.90
John Gallishaw, gravel	11.25
Bert Elliot	234.00

\$ 2,161.25

W. E. Martin, foreman	\$ 17.33
Chester Whiting, truck	39.00
E. E. Atwood, labor, truck and team	45.00
E. P. Wiser, labor	23.00
Earl Davis, labor	13.00
Byron Wiser, labor	6.00
O. A. Brown, tools and blasting materials	6.74

Total W. E. Martin	\$ 150.07
Total, H. W. Smith	2,161.25

\$ 2,311.32

SNOW REMOVAL

D. A. Bucklin, Agent

Labor, plowing	\$ 264.19
Labor and truck sanding (C. C. Fletcher)	79.27
Labor and truck, greasing	14.50
Loading and trucking plow	36.00
Gas, oil and grease	135.74
Repairs, labor	160.50
Repairs, material and parts	202.56
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	\$ 892.76
Land rental for tractor house, 1931-32	50.00
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	\$ 942.76

TRUST FUNDS

Emerson cemetery fund	\$ 626.58
Old Home cemetery fund	814.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	848.23
Webster cemetery fund	75.00
Cross fund for care Webster cemetery	85.00
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	\$ 2,448.81

Paid:

Emerson cemetery fund	10.00
Old Home cemetery fund	13.50
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	22.20
Webster cemetery fund	12.60
Balance in banks	2,390.51
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	\$ 2,448.81

S. S. FLETCHER,
D. B. CLEMENT,
ELDORUS SMITH,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
E. E. MORRILL,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agents and Tax Collector, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDITH E. PERKINS, Auditor

LIBRARY REPORT

On hand	\$ 303.61
Library tax	18.90
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	\$ 322.51

Paid :

For care of books	
E. J. Bailey	\$ 5.00
H. N. M. Morrison	5.00
J. H. Fletcher	5.00
Purchase of books	23.92
Balance in bank	283.59
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	\$ 322.51

H. N. M. MORRISON,
J. H. FLETCHER,
MILAN C. BAILEY,
Trustees.

OLD HOME DAY

Received:	
From town treasurer	\$ 20.00
Paid:	
Overpaid, 1931	\$ 0.58
15 lbs. Salt pork	1.50
300 Paper plates	1.50
300 Paper spoons	1.50
60 lbs. Beans	4.80
Molasses and sugar	.50
Milk	1.00
2 lbs. Butter	.62
4 lbs. Coffee	1.56
5 lbs. Sugar	.30
12 Loaves bread	1.10
Baking beans	5.00
Balance on hand	.04
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	\$ 20.00

S. S. FLETCHER, Agent.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRIDGEWATER

To the Bridgewater School District:

The school board and the superintendent of schools present the following reports for your consideration.

1. Statistics for the school year 1931-1932.
2. Report of district treasurer for 1931-1932.
3. School board's financial report for 1931-1932.
4. School board's budget for the year 1933-1934.
5. Report of the superintendent of schools.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER,

Chairman.

EDITH PERKINS, Secretary,

JOSEPH H. MORRISON,

School Board.

VINCENT GATTO,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1931-1932

Bridgewater Hill School: Teacher, Normena Esty; number of pupils, 10; number of half days school in session, 356; per cent of attendance, 93; number of tardinesses, 18; visits by citizens, 15; visits by school board, 2; visits by superintendent, 22.

River Road School: Teacher, Amy Morse; number of pupils, 13; number of half days school in session, 357; per cent of attendance, 95; number of tardinesses, 22; visits by citizens, 30; visits by school board, 4; visits by superintendent, 24.

Turnpike School: Teacher, Bertha E. Cote; number of pupils, 6; number of half days school in session, 353; per cent of attendance, 97; number of tardinesses, none; number of visits by citizens, 41; visits by school board, 4; visits by superintendent, 15.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand June 30, 1931		\$ 0.00
Received from selectmen:		
Appropriations	\$ 4,966.20	
Dog tax	67.80	
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Total received		\$ 5,034.00
Less school board orders paid		5,016.46
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Balance on hand, June 30, 1932		\$ 17.54

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
District Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, and find them correct in all respects.

EUGENE F. PERKINS,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the year beginning July 1, 1931, and ending
June 30, 1932

RECEIPTS

Received from selectmen	
Appropriations for current year	\$ 4,966.20
Dog tax	67.80
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Total receipts	\$ 5,034.00

PAYMENTS

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Superintendent's excess salary	170.00
Truant officer and school census	4.75
Expenses of administration	3.00
Instruction	
Principals' and teachers' salaries	2,700.00
Text books	52.96
Scholars' supplies	53.19
Flags and appurtenances	5.63
Other expenses of instruction	2.70
Operation and maintenance of school plant	
Janitor service	108.00
Fuel	85.75
Water, light, janitor's supplies	15.82
Minor repairs and expenses	58.01
Auxiliary agencies and special activities	
Medical inspection	46.22
Transportation of pupils	720.00
High school and academy tuition	807.78

Outlay for construction and equipment	
Alterations of old buildings	\$ 11.00
New equipment	39.65
Debt, interest and other charges	
Payments of notes or bills from previous years	72.00
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Total payments	\$ 5,016.46
Total cash on hand, June 30, 1932	17.54
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Grand total	\$ 5,034.00

\$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

To apply for state aid \$3,409.49 must be raised for elementary schools.

Equalized valuation is \$681,899.00.

SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET FOR 1933-1934

Support of schools	
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,700.00
Text books	65.00
Scholars' supplies	60.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	10.00
Janitor service	108.00
Fuel	106.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	15.00
Minor repairs	50.00
Health supervision	40.00
Transportation of pupils	720.00
Other special activities	10.00
	<hr/> \$ 3,889.00
Other statutory requirements	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Truant officer and school census	5.00
Payment of high school tuition	1,200.00
Superintendent's excess salary	170.00
Per capita tax	76.00
Other obligations	5.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,516.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,405.00
Estimated income of district	
Dog tax, an estimate of	91.00
Deduct estimated income	
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Total amount require to cover budget	\$ 5,313.80

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER,
JOSEPH H. MORRISON,
EDITH E. PERKINS,

School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Bridgewater:

I have the honor to present my fourth annual school report. The most important school events since my last report are probably the two graduation exercises held in the River Road School, and in the Hill School last June. Diplomas were presented to four graduates namely, Marcus Sargent, Verton Gilpatric, Beatrice Cass, and Bernice Wiser. Considering the fact that this year we have graduates in the three schools, it would be a good idea if we could have one common program. Separate programs are not so interesting because they are smaller, they attract less people, they display less talent, they come at a time when the superintendent is overtaxed with many duties all crowded into one week over the six town of the supervisory union, and they cost more money.

Last summer the roofs of the three schools were substantially repaired. The interiors of the Hill and the River Road schools were much improved. Black board space was added to all the schools. A few items still remain unprovided for, such as more modern school room furniture, suitable places for the children's lunch boxes, jacketed stoves, and improved toilets.

This year we are again maintaining three schools. The school district seems to be satisfied with the arrangement. In the three schools we have an enrollment of forty-two pupils, as compared with twenty-nine last year, an increase of over forty per cent. This situation has presented some difficult problems. We have not had sufficient funds for books and supplies. It has been difficult to accommodate twenty-two pupils in the River Road school, a building barely large enough to

accommodate fifteen children, and with one toilet used by both boys and girls. It is not easy to forecast school population. The fact remains, however, that it is up to the school district to provide educational facilities for whatever number of children present themselves to be educated. Considering the present day economic trends it seems safe to assume that the increase we have will be of a permanent nature. Definite plans should be made at the next meeting of the school district in March to solve the problem before next fall.

It goes without saying that the improvements called for mean the expenditure of substantial sums of money. Be it remembered that we are faced with the problem of educating the children of Bridgewater for present day living, different from the times when our schoolhouses were first built.

One of the greatest drawbacks to a school is the child who is absent from school unnecessarily. Such children take up the time of the teachers and that of the other pupils when the regular work has already been done. The school with many absences establishes a poor record. In the end it is the child who must pay the penalty, and perhaps experience a belated sense of regret for lost opportunity. The teachers, and the parents in particular, hold the key to the situation. Unselfish cooperation on the part of every one concerned is ever a present need.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

In Plymouth, N. H., July 3, 1932, Harold L. Prince to
Eda Maude Atwood.

In Plymouth, N. H., Sept. 10, 1932, Erbert E. Cornette to
Georgianna Wiser.

DEATHS

In Plymouth, N. H., Dec. 22, 1932, David B. Clement,
aged 90 years.

In Bridgewater, N. H., Aug. 6, 1932, Amelia B. Vinal,
aged 91 years.

